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SUBJ: DEATH OF PARTY FOREIGN AFFAIRS LEADER

1. GOH ANNOUNCED LATE MAY 28 THAT POLITBURO MEMBER ZOLTAN KOMOCSIN DIED AFTER

"LONG SERIOUS ILLNESS". UNTIL RECENTLY KOMOCSIN WAS POLITBURO MEMBER CHARGED WITH OVERSEEING HUNGARIAN FOREIGN POLICY. AT MARCH CC MEETING HE WAS NAMED EDITOR OF HSWP DAILY NEPSZABADSAG.

2. KOMOCSIN HAS LONG SUFFERED FROM UNDISCLOSED ILLNESS; MFA SOURCE SAID RECENTLY HE HAD BRAIN TUMOR.

3. FOR SOME TIME NOW POLITBURO MEMBER ARPAD PULLAI HAS BEEN DIRECTING FOREIGN POLICY WITH OCCASIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM BELA BISZKU AND GYULA KALLAI. KOMOCSIN'S RECENT APPOINTMENT AS NEPSZABADSAG HEAD WAS MERELY METHOD OF EASING HIM OUT OF HIS PARTY RESPONSIBILITIES. HE HAS NEVER BEEN WELL ENOUGH TO TAKE OVER NEWSPAPER.

4. DCM TOLD BY MFA SGIRRA THAT KOMOCSIN HAD BEEN "GOOD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMUNIST", INTELLIGENT AND PRACTICAL, A REALIST WHO

WAS LUCKY TO HAVE GOTTEN THROUGH RAKOSI PERIOD. SAID
HE WILL BE DIFFICULT TO REPLACE, A COMMENT WHICH MAY
HAVE BEEN INTENDED AS A BACK-HANDED SLAP AT
PULLAI WHO IS NOT WELL THOUGHT OF BY MANY GOH AND PARTY
OFFICIALS, BOTH IN AND OUT OF FONOFF.

5. FUNERAL PROBABLY WILL BE SATURDAY.
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